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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER' S VISIT TO U. S.

REF A. STATE 080545; B. TOKYO 5791

1. NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 11 THAT AT PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 14 PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WOULD MAKE A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING HIS FORTHCOMING TRAVEL

PLANS TO U. S., USSR AND EUROPE (FRANCE, UK, FRG). FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THAT TANAKA WOULD STATE THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT U. S. QUOTE IN LATE JULY UNQTE TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND US-JAPAN RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT AND THAT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD INDICATE THAT THE TRIP TO USSR WOULD BE IN LATE AUGUST AND THAT TO EUROPE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. DCM CALLED AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN OKAWARA TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SUCH QUOTE ANNOUNCEMENT UNQUOTE IN ADVANCE OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER' S VISIT SIMULTANEOUSLY BY WASHINGTON AND TOKYO. DCM URGED THAT IF THE PRIME MINISTER MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENT IT BE PHRASED IN A WAY WHICH AVOIDS IMPLICATION THAT TIMING OF A VISIT HAS BEEN FORMALLY AGREED UPON. OKAWARA FINALLY SUGGESTED THAT PRIME MINISTER MIGHT STATE THAT HE IS QUOTE TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT I COULD VISIT THE U. S. IN JULY UNQUOTE. IF QUERIED AS TO PRECISE DATES PRIME
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MINISTER COULD THEN SAY THAT THIS
IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. DCM AGREED THAT IF PRIME MINISTER
FEELS HE MUST MAKE STATEMENT, SOMETHING ALONG LINE SUGGESTED
BY OKAWARA WOULD BE BETTER THAN REFERENCE TO QUOTE LATE JULY
UNQUOTE.
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